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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

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JACK FARQUHAR (104th Inf. WWI)
ANDREW M. LEMON, (102nd Inf. WWI)

Plus all Department Sr. Vice Commanders and all Past Presidents or Commanders. Plus all Chapter Commanders.

INFORMATION

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

My Comrades:

As some of you already know from past notices in the National Tribune, "The Stars and Stripes" the Yankee Division Vets Asso. has received its good share of space; reaching perhaps many who may be members and many others who have not as yet got around to joining up, or knowing much about our organization.

With this thought in mind and with your permission, I would like to have John J. Goss our National Historian also our Public Relations Officer to write an article for the National Tribune "The Stars and Stripes", while I am still in office and as soon as possible to the affect that I am announcing a membership drive, the largest in the history of the Y.D.V.A. to obtain 15,000 members between May 1, 1951 and October 1, 1951.

Along with this suggestion, I believe the National Organization should issue an "Honor Card" to any member who will obtain 10 or more members before October 1st. I believe many members will go out and work a little bit harder, even though the prize seems small.

Now that final word which must inevitably come, and, I am sure, to which each Past National Commander has looked, and to which each succeeding commander will look with both anticipation and a heavy heart, in the realization that he is fast approaching the end of a year of pleasant associations and enjoyable experiences which comes to any man but once in a life time. Let's look back a year ago when you saw fit to elect me your National Commander, the highest consideration within your power. You were promised no outstanding administration. Merely a year of earnest endeavor which would with God's help and your help enable us to present as our chapter in the history of the National Organization one in which we could and would take pride.

A record on which I am ready and willing to stand.

It is true we did not reach our goal on membership.

But we have no reason to feel badly about it. We did experience an increase in new members over last year, and I am sure the increase was a healthy one, indicative of much future good, particularly in the instance of younger veterans who have now become YD members.

Let no one mislead you for quite contrary to previous predictions, these youngsters are taking to the Yankee Division Vets Asso. like ducks to water.

I am certain that the coming year will witness a further increase in membership. We want and must have new members. It is my sincere desire that each comrade will continue to exert his efforts in that direction.

It has been my good fortune to have had the priviledge of working for and with all the national officers, plus the able assistance of the Past National Commanders who have given so much of their time and finance toward making this a banner year in Y. D. V. A. I say without hesitation or fear of revocation that no National Commander has been privileged to work for and with a more appreciative and cooperative group of comrades.

In conclusion, might I not simply say to all the officers, elective and appointive who have served the National Organization during the Fiscal year 1950-1951, "Thanks Comrades" for the part you had in a splendid year.

And to the newly elected and appointed officers, the pattern for your job is now on the work bench. I who in the very near future will turn the gavel over to my successor will do so with every confidence that he will execute the duties of his office promptly and efficiently, faithfully and impartially in letter and in spirit.

Now at this time I would like to acknowledge and thank all the comrades and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary for their sincere cards and letters that they sent to me in my recent confinement at home with Old Man Virus X.

Gratefully yours in Comradeship,
James H. Sullivan, *Natl. Comdr.*

Get your copy in for the June Issue not later than the 20th of May, as we must have the June Issue in your hands before the Convention.

REPORT FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIRLADY OF THE YD AUXILIARY

This is our last letter to every member before the Convention. Our Committee has been meeting rather often to get everything going and can promise you everything is shaping up great. Each one of our Committee are on the job.

Our registrations are starting to come in, also reservations for rooms. Our housing Chairman has been very ill but has kept on the job and will have prices of rooms for you. With the increasing work at the local Naval Base, we have to wait and see what rooms are available. But, there are plenty of Cabins along the beach which we know you will enjoy.

Our entertainment program is in the making and we are sure it will please you. Our reception committee is ready to welcome you and to help you in any way possible.

If you have not sent in your registration, will you please do so as soon as possible, also your reservation for rooms, as you know "first come — first served", and we want you all to be satisfied. We will do our part willingly, will you do yours? Send in *now!* Prices listed below are on Hotels and Cabins as of now.

Wentworth-by-the-Sea—

Double room with bath $5, $6, $7 per person
Single with bath $7 and $8 per person
Suite—2 rooms, bath between, $5.00 per person
Single room with running water, $4.00 per person

Ocean Wave Hotel—

$6.00 double - $3.00 single; Cottages $4.00 person
Overnights—$2.00 per person

Rockingham Hotel—

single without bath $2.50 and up;
single with bath $3.75 and up
double without bath $4.50 and up
double with bath $8.00 and up
Twin beds, without bath $6.00 and up;
Twin beds with bath $8.00 and up

Ladies wearing white berets will be your Convention Committee. Contact them and they will help you every way possible.

"D" COMPANY 101st INFANTRY

Our meeting and dinner on March 31st was a great success, thirty six of the old company was present. The cooks, F. Monish, J. Cadman, L. Morton, Karl Roberts, Dave Dale, Frank Holman and Cliff Burgess did a fine job. The menu was Roast Cadman Porker, and the fixings.

Commander Al Gifford called a short meeting at four o'clock and we discussed a few pressing questions. Fred Jackson, Commander of the Boston Club, an old D Co man was with us and gave a brief talk on Yankee Doings.

Roy Beaman just back from France, where he visited our old training site, Neufchateau was most interesting.

A letter was read from our good comrade Sheriff Chas. Robbins, from New York City, where he was with his wife who had serious operation. His letter reads in part "As I looked at the card and realized from whence it came, it only emphasized the thought that I've always had, and that is this, there is no comradeship like the comradeship of the sword. Fraternal orders exist which pledge loyalty to each other, but the loyalty of a group such as old Company D, who have marched, gone hungry and thirsty together and have felt the force of the enemy assault is the real test of comradeship which maintains as long as ve live. Comrades of D Co., I salute you.

Chief Bill Brown of Kingston is convalescing from a recent illness. He was formerly with K Co.

Peter F. Dries, our old bugler has been very ill, but now is recovering slowly.

Morris Shoman, now living in Los Angeles is at the VA Hospital.

Two Buddies Get-Together

Ashley Cooper, Med. Det. 101st Eng. WW-I, owner of the Cooper Drug Stores in Plymouth, Mass. received a call from an old buddy who was visiting in Connecticut. He was Oliver H. P. Garrett, who also served with the 101st Engineers in WW-I and is now making his home in California where he is a Free Lance Writer of short stories and scenarios. He made the trip to Plymouth and they met for the first time in 32 years. They both enjoyed an excellent weekend talking over old times.

ANOTHER GET-TOGETHER

With the event of the Annual Conclave of Veterans of the Yankee Division, at Portsmouth, N. H., between the dates, June 7th, to the 10th inclusive, it is to be expected that many YD men, long lost to our sight, will put in a personal appearance. To all the men of the original YD, this has always been a happy meeting of old comrades. And down through the past thirty odd years it has always held true that such has been the case.

The men of the Second War, 1941-1945, who served in the ranks of the Division that wore the YD on their left shoulders, have also learned that it is truly a meeting ground of pals they knew well, grew to respect and to honor as men. Among those of WW-II, who are expected to be there are, Lt. Col. Albert McWade, now attending the General Command and Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., Major Richard I. Paul, son of the fighting commander of the Division in WW-II. And, there is little doubt but what the General will be there himself. Enjoying once again the feeling of goodfellowship that permeates all gatherings of YD men.

The purpose of this articles is not to sing the praises of local YD men but to wonder if God in His kindness can and will bring back to us many of our friends who are now serving in the Police Action in Korea. Notably among these gentlemen is one Lt. Col. Richard Byrne's of Braintree, Massachusetts, who is in command of a battalion of infantry of the 25th Division. Dick's battalion took the initial assault of the red hordes in its reopened counter-offensive during the latter part of April, 1951. The last word we had of Dick, was, that his battalion had put up a good fight and though, it had taken severe losses, was still intact as a fighting part of the 25th Div.

So, as we come into the final phases of our meeting together at Portsmouth, N. H., this coming June, let us all hope to meet with men like Dick, who are a part of our great Division, no matter where they are.

—J. H. Smith

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws

Article XVI, Section 1a to read: "National dues shall be $2:50 for the fiscal year." Sponsored by Plymouth Chapter, voted at National Executive Committee meeting March 18, 1951.

Yankee Division Veterans' Association

Profit and Loss Statement for the Period Ended March 31, 1951

INCOME

Membership Dues	$8091.00	
Advertising Income	3840.35	
Returns on Auto Selection	1551.63	
Sale of Y. D. Stamps	812.66	
Income from Convention	500.00	
Receipts of War Memorial Fund	327.28	
Donations*	45.00	
Total Income for year		$15,167.92

EXPENSES

Yankee Doings Expense	$8051.33	
Salaries	3900.00	
Office Expense	1140.02	
Y. D. History Expense	884.68	
Rent	600.00	
Traveling Expenses**	463.00	
Federal and State Taxes	114.39	
Other Expenses	284.24	
Total Expenses for year		$15,437.66
Net Loss for year		269.74

*Donations received from:

Y. D. Auxiliary	$25.00
Manchester & Haverhill Aux	10.00
Capt. John H. Hargraves	10.00
	$45.00

**Traveling Expenses:

Past Commander Edward J. McCormack	$345.00
National Secretary H. Guy Watts	118.00
	$463.00

Audited By:
J. R. Gustafson

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. Jackson
National Treasurer

Balance Sheet, March 31, 1951

ASSETS

Cash in Banks	$1923.80	
Prepaid Rent	600.00	
Office Equipment	2370.80	
Total Assets		$4894.60

LIABILITIES

Loans Payable	$500.00	
State and Federal Taxes Payable	234.02	
Reserve for Life Memberships	360.27	
Net Worth	3800.31	
Total Liabilities		$4894.60

Audited By:
J. R. Gustafson

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. Jackson
National Treasurer

Thirty-second Annual Meeting Yankee Division Veterans Association

To All Active and Life Members of the
YD Veterans Association:

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Association will convene at the American Legion Hall, Portsmouth, N. H., on Thursday, June 7, 1951 at 5:00 p.m., to transact any and all business which may properly come before the legislative body of the Association.

Any person eligible to active membership, whose dues shall have been received prior to the opening of said Convntion shall be entitled to one vote on any question to come before the Convention.

H. Guy Watts, *National Secretary*

James H. Sullivan, *National Commander*

Program

YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

June 7 - 8 - 9 - 10, 1951

We are planning a Convention that will be stimulated with events from the arrival of the first delegate to the departure of the last. In other words, here will be events starting on Thursday afternoon and will continue until Convention closing Sunday.

The Committees in charge of both business and social events have staggered their programs so that there will be time for both business and pleasure for everyone. An outline is as follows with last minute changes possible.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1951

Registration all day at Rockingham Hotel, Open 10:00 a.m.

Fashion Show at Rockingham ..... 2:30 p.m.

Tea for Ladies ..... 4:00 p.m.

Opening of Convention ..... 5:00 p.m.

Business Meeting of Convention at American Legion Hall ..... 5:00 p.m.

Horrible Parade ..... 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment and Show at Rockingham Hotel ..... 9:00 p.m.

Visit to Portsmouth Navy Yard. Fishing Trips. Sightseeing Trips all Day.

Program

YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1951

Registration Opens ..... 10:00 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting of Convention American Legion Hall 10:00 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting of Auxiliary Rockingham Hotel..... 10:00 a.m.

Afternoon: Visit to Navy Yard. Fishing Trips. Sightseeing Trips Along the Coast.

Evening: Regimental Reunions. Entertainment.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1951

Governors Day.

Registration from 10:00 a.m. All Day.

Regular Business Meeting of Convention ..... 10:00 a.m.

Election of Officers: Presentation of Meritorious Certificates.

Resolutions, Amendments, etc.

Past Commanders Luncheon at Noon.

Fishing Trips. Sightseeing Trips.

Banquet for all who Register at "Wentworth By The Sea"

One of the show places on the New England Coast ..... 7:00 p.m.

Grand Military Ball Following the Banquet, at the Wentworth By The Sea.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1951

Church Services.

Gigantic Parade Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Parade will be through in plenty of time to give all an early chance to start back home.

VERMONTER PROMOTED BY CANADIAN NATIONAL

O. KENNETH DALY, Gen. Agent, Freight Dept., Canadian National Railways, Pittsburgh, has been promoted to the dual positions of general freight agent for Canadian National Railways of Boston and general freight agent for the Central Vermont railway at St. Albans, Vt.

He served with the 102nd Machine Gun Bn. of the 26th Division in WW-I.

Wounded YD Vet Visitor at Nat'l Hdqrs.

David W. Pyle who served with Co 'I', 101st Inf. (WW-II) was a recent visitor at National Headquarters. He re-enlisted and was wounded in Korea on January 22, 1951, while serving with the 8th Regiment of the First Cavalry Division. He is now a patient at the Murphy General Hospital in Waltham, Mass.

LETTER RECEIVED BY PETER SADY, Detroit Chapter, from Albert LaFountain, K Co. 104th, also a member.

264 Eastlawn Ave.,
Detroit 15, Michigan
April 17, 1951

Hi Peter:

You will probably be somewhat surprised to receive this note from me. I have not forgotten you or the Y. D. I have not attended a Y. D. meeting in a long, long, time, I know.

It seems that every time the Y. D. meets I must work, and as you know, one must eat, so I go to work.

I am enclosing a check for three dollars, I think that is the right amount, for my Y. D. dues. If this is not correct please let me know and I will try to adjust it.

The wife and I just returned from a two weeks visit in the east, that is, Mass. and N. H., and last summer, Pete, I had ten weeks off and we went to Europe.

We visited France, Luxembourg, Belgium, England and Scotland. We had eight beautiful days in Paris, then we spent three weeks in Luxembourg. It is in Luxembourg where our late son is buried. The U. S. Military Cemetery in the small town of Hamm, Luxembourg, is a beautiful spot. And, of course we visited the cemetery several times.

We visited almost every village and city of Luxembourg. It is a very beautiful country.

We spent but one day in Belgium, but we had six days in London and five days in Scotland.

We sailed both ways on the French Line. We went over on the Isle de France and returned on the De Grasse.

We took fifteen rolls of moving pictures of our voyage. So we now have a very nice souvenir of our trip and we can, in a way, take the trip over again right here in our own living room.

I hope I did not bore you with all this, Peter, I thought that you might be interested.

Hoping that you and yours are well and with best wishes to you and the Y. D.

I remain as ever,

Albert LaFountain

History of 26th (YD) Division

The History will be mostly WW II

The History Committee reports that the second quarter of the History has been received by the Printer and is being set up. We have received approximately 200 photographs which will be in the History.

Below you will find a coupon that you may order your History and if everything goes smoothly it should be finished for the Convention in June.

The Price of the History will be $5.75.

YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION HISTORY COMMITTEE

200 HUNTINGTON AVENUE
BOSTON, MASS.

Please find enclosed $5.75 for One History of the 26th (YD) Division, now in the process of completion.

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Name

_____
Address

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Report of the Nominating Committee Y. D. V. A.

To all members of the YD Veterans Association:
Your Nominating Committee met in the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., on Sunday, March 18, 1951, and selected the following candidates for election to office at the 32nd Annual Meeting in Portsmouth, N. H., June 9, 1951.

FOR THE OFFICE OF

Honorary National Commander
Lt. General Willard S. Paul, U.S.A.

National Commander
Michael J. Dell Isola, Nashua, N. H.

National Chaplains
Rev. Daniel W. Strickland, Moretown, Vt.
Father Francis X. Bransfield, Newton, Mass.

National Treasurer
Fred L. Jackson, Boston, Mass.

Assistant National Treasurer
Earl S. Eaves, Boston, Mass.

National Judge Advocate
James A. Cresswell, Boston, Mass.

National Historian
John J. Goss, Hartford, Conn.

Assistant National Historian
Charles J. McLeod, Boston, Mass.

National Americanization Officer
L. Powers Fulton, Northampton, Mass.

National Service Officer
Dr. Joseph K. Surls, N. Y., N. Y.

National Vice Commander for Maine
Harold H. Rutter, Portland, Me.

National Vice Commander for New Hampshire
Clarence L. Anderson, Portsmouth, N. H.

National Vice Commander for Vermont
Arthur B. Farrar, Barre, Vt.

National Vice Commander for Massachusetts
Michael P. O'Connor, Northampton, Mass.

National Vice Commander for Rhode Island
John L. Mallon, Pawtucket, R. I.

National Vice Commander for Connecticut
Thomas H. Porter, Saybrook, Conn.

National Vice Commander for Department of the East

National Vice Commander for Department of Middle West

National Vice Commander for Department of Far West
William Baltin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Member at Large—National Executive Comm.
William O'Neill, Connecticut
Albert Shabbott, Rhode Island
Albert Shepard, New Hampshire
Eric Reich, Mid-West
Michael Justynowicz, East

The Nominating Committee have prepared and offer the following nominations for the proposed offices, subject to action of approval at Annual Meeting. Above candidates respectfully submitted.

Edw. J. McCormack, Mass. Chairman
Thomas H. Porter, Connecticut
Joseph L. Bourget, Rhode Island
Albert Shepard, New Hampshire
Harold H. Rutter, Maine
John Copley, East
Wm. P. O'Connor, Mid-West

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: James H. Sullivan, 15 Harvard Terrace, Allston, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Commander: Michael P. O'Connor, 60 Maple St., Florence, Mass.
Secretary: Hoyt D. Clark, Rockland Heights, Northampton, Mass.

STATE MEETING

Meeting opened by Commander W. A. Burnham, at 3.15 P. M. in the Old High School Building, quarters of the Northampton Chapter, Y. D. V. A. with all officers present with the exception of Jr. Vice Commander, still on the sick list, the Judge Advocate, and Historian Coan, who had to work.

The Chapters represented Boston 2, Haverhill 4, Lynn 5, Northampton 15, Springfield 4, Worcester 3, Manchester, N. H. 1.

Haverhill reported that dues were coming in with the membership up by Convention time. Lynn reported that their Chapter were to hold their installation at Edison, April 21 with Leo Varnam, Chairman of the Committee in charge. The plans for installation were not definite when Northampton made their report but it is to be held the evening of May 6, after and on the same day that the next State meeting is held. Springfield reported that a Card Party was coming April 26; that much work was going into the Home Show which would be well worth attending April 2-7, that the installation of officers would be June 23rd. Clyde O. Elliott reported that The Worcester Chapter were to install their new officers April 15; that the membership was 58; that Cmdr. Leahy was very sick at the Worcester City Hospital. It was further reported by Nat'l Sgt.-at-Arms Chris Schacht that W. C. Sullivan was recuperating from illness and that YD History was starting to go to print to be priced at $5.75.

Adjutant's report read and accepted as read.

Report by National Sergeant-at-Arms on the National Executive Committee that Michael Dell Isola had been nominated by the Committee for National Commander.

It was then voted to suspend the meeting to proceed with the installation of officers. Past National Commander, Brunton, was then escorted to the Chair after which with the assistance of P. N. Sgt-at-Arms, Roswell Patch, the new officers were duly installed. The new Commander, Michael P. O'Connor, made a few remarks after which P.N.C. Brunton, presented the Past State Commander pin to Wallace A. Burnham.

The next meeting will be held May 6th, 2:30 P. M., at the Springfield Chapter.

In the drawing of raffle tickets:

First prize was No. 7667, Tom Kennedy, Fitchburg Chapter.

Second prize was No. 2940, Vic Chabot, Northampton, Mass.

Third prize was No. 1678, G. L., Danvers Chapter. The person holding this ticket number should get in touch with our S. V. Com., Edward W. Streeter, Lynn Chapter.

Fourth Prize was No. 5885, (Knocko) McCormick, Boston Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Hoyt D. Clark,
Department Adjutant

BEVERLY

Commander: Daniel L. Haskell
3 Goldsmith Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas J. Wallace
33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass

The Beverly Chapter enjoyed an evening on Monday, April 2, that will go down in Chapter history, when it held its annual installation at Earle T. Wardell Post No. 12 A. L. quarters.

P. N. C. Wallace A. Burnham assisted by P. N. C. Ernest A. Meteyer as Sgt.-at-Arms, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Daniel L. Haskell, Commander, Bruce Lancaster, Vice Commander, Thomas J. Wallace, Secretary Treasurer, Harold Heald, Chaplain, Rodney M. Dodge, Sgt.-at-Arms,

George A. Bright, Fred Broadhead and Robert J. Standley, Trustees.

The invited guests who spoke very interestingly to the Chapter, were Postmaster Roger W. Fegan, State Representative Cornelius J. Murray, Mayor Clarence S. Wilkinson and Mrs. Ruth Meteyer, National President YD Auxiliary. PNC Burnham was accompanied by Mrs. Burnham who the Chapter was very pleased to have among its guests. Also present were representatives of other Beverly veteran organizations and out of town guests from Danvers, Haverhill, Lynn, Salem and Saugus.

An interesting event took place during the evening when a letter from Chapter member Donald Lunn stationed at Okinawa was read. He enclosed his dues and then some, the latter to be used to help out in lunches and what else.

After the installation exercises a social evening was enjoyed during which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Daniel Haskell, the Misses Ethel and Frances Haskell and Mrs. Thomas J. Wallace.

Do not forget boys, the next meeting will be Monday, May 7th, keep in mind the date. Also bring along some dues, that is something that we always can use.

Thomas J. Wallace
Secretary

On Monday evening, April 2nd; Past Department Commander, Wallace A. Burnham, with Past Department Commander Ernest A. Meteyer as the installing team, inducted the following as the new officers of Beverly Chapter, "YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOCIATION" for the year 1951-52.

COMMANDER, Daniel L. Haskell; VICE COMMANDER, Bruce Lancaster; SECRETARY-TREASURER, Thomas J. Wallace; CHAPLAIN, Harold Heald; SGT.-AT-ARMS, Rodney M. Dodge; TRUSTEES, Robert J. Standley, 3 years; Fred M. Broadhead, 2 years; George A. Bright, 1 year.

Thomas J. Wallace,
Secretary-Treasurer

BOSTON
Commander: Fred L. Jackson
31 Neponset Ave., Dorchester, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

April has been another busy month at the Club, with all the regular monthly meetings of the various units who meet here every month. On the 5th the Hospital Workers Union had a large meeting in the front room on the first floor. Employees of the Cole-Hersee Co., held a dance on the 6th. The Federal Employees Union from the West Roxbury Hospital had a buffet lunch and dance on the 11th on the first floor and the Society of the 1st Division had their meeting on the third floor. On Sunday the 15th the Life Membership Chapter of the D. A. V. had their Installation with Col. John J. Riley (101st Inf. WW-I) being installed as the first Commander.

The 19th was another big night, besides the Smoker, Old Timers night was held. The Committee who have worked for the past six or eight weeks on this time were well rewarded for their efforts. Knocko as usual put in his usual long hours, day after day on this big affair. John Dennihan and John Smith the Co-Chairmen were here every night and the day of the affair they worked from nine in the morning.

On the 25th Post No. 9062, V.F.W. held their Annual Installation.

The John Hancock Veterans were here on the 26th for their regular monthly Dinner and entertainment.

The Saturday night dances have proved so successful that it has been decided to try them out on Friday nights also.

Dues are coming in very good, even though there is a dollar extra added this year. This is on account of the extra three months that the Nat'l Association voted for the change of the fiscal year. It is not a raise in dues, it is in payment for fifteen months instead of twelve.

We have some open dates for meetings, dances and get-togethers. If you hear of an outfit or a group from the company you work for having a time—try and get them to get in touch with the Club and have it here.

DANVERS
Commander: Paul Aiken
5 Charles St., Danvers
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Well I have just got through sending out 50

notices for our next meeting, Wednesday, April 25, at Mrs. Pike's Inn. And I am wondering how many replies I shall get back. For some unknown reason our meetings are getting smaller and Harold Williams and I are getting a little alarmed. We don't know the reason for the drop in attendance. The boys must be getting old and Television keeps them home or what it is I don't know. But where we always had 30 or more at our meetings last year we only had 23 for March meeting. In Feb. we dropped entirely as only 5 signified their intention of coming out. However I trust fellows that it is only temporary, and that you will all be out again as you used to.

Harvey Bishop, A Co. 104th had a relapse and was rushed back to the Hunt Memorial Hospital last Thursday. He's a very sick boy. I was in to see him Sunday night and he showed much improvement but still a pretty sick boy. All you A Co. 104th Inf. boys send him a card and any YD boy. It will cheer him up. He was much pleased when he got a card from Abe Hyland.

We had our installation of officers at our March meeting as follows: Commander, Paul Aiken, 102nd Med., WW-1; Senior Vice Commander, Jim McGinnity, 182nd Inf., WW-II; Junior Vice Commander, Bill Spence, E Batt. 101st, WW-I; Treasurer, E. Fossa, H Co. 104th, WW-I; Secretary, C. W. Davis, B Co. 104th, WW-I; Trustee, Henry Viel, 102nd F A WW-II; Chaplain, Wes Grover, E Batt. 101st F A, WW-I.

Harold B. Williams did his usual fine job of installing the officers. We have a new member who attends all our meetings. Dr. Renth, Med. 104th Inf., World War I. Doc also is a great man on keeping 104th alive. He is on the Executive Committee and attends all meetings. Dr. Renth as many of you know is the Dental Surgeon at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home and is very popular with the boys up there.

Earl Pauley and I attended the Installation of Salem Chapter last Saturday night. When our old buddy George Bingles from B Co. 104th was installed as Commander. Swell feed and nice time. Must mention that we had Senior Vice Commander Ed Streeter at our last meeting. Hope you had a good time, Ed. Danvers contributed $17.00 to State Dept. Raffle. I wonder if larger Chapters did as well. George Durgin H Co. 104th won 2 qts. Save a little George for our next meeting.

Well must sign off. C. W. Davis, *Sec.*

FITCHBURG

Commander: James A. Smith
82 Charles St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: William E. Kuriger
15 Harding St., Fitchburg, Mass.

For the benefit of our comrades who did not attend the April 10 meeting of the Fitchburg Chapter, here is a brief resume. The meeting was held at the American Legion Hall in Gardner, Mass. When Commander Jim Smith opened the meeting at 8:00 P. M. there was nearly 50 men present. Looking over this Legion Home in Gardner we marveled at the layout. It gave us an idea of what is possible and what the Fitchburg Chapter is aiming at.

Chaplain Ruberti reported that Bill Sherrin is coming along fine and Comrade Vic Bean informed us that he is working. Comrade McGuinness reported that Comrade LeJoy of Gardner is ill at this time. Paid up to 1952 when the meeting opened were 52 members, according to our Treasurer Robert J. O'Brien, recently of New York City.

Commander Smith was very happy to welcome many Gardner and Winchendon Y. D. Veterans to our April Meeting. Several signed up and paid their dues for the current fiscal year and we hope to have a large number of these men become real Fitchburg Chapter members and active YDVA boosters. A rising vote of thanks was given to the Committee who made all of the arrangements for the Gardner meeting, and we all agree that they did a wonderful job. Chairman of that Committee was Ted Gagne, now residing in Gardner and former Sgt. in Co. E. 181st Infantry. Aiding him very ably was Harry S. Linell and Gus Johnson also of Gardner. Red Bryce had Coffee and Sandwiches, Cheese and Doughnuts, so we had the usual fine snack after the meeting.

We hope that all of the Fitchburg men read the monthly column of the Fitchburg Chapter in the Yankee Doings, we will keep you informed on what is doing at the meetings. But we do like to see some of our not to frequent attenders, yes you pay your dues right on the line without fail, but we also would like your active support and ideas at the meetings. Clayton Locke from Harvard makes it every month, Ray Butterfield of Lunenburg is very rarely absent, as our Leominster and Gardner members, also show up without fail. Of course the Fitchburgers are here every month but we would like to see twice as many of them.

Bob O'Brien had me read a letter concerning the Convention Stickers, and I laughed about the thing all night, no reflection on the author, just my distorted sense of humor. (In spite of this the Chapter voted to buy the stickers, and we are very anxious to help in any way that we can in regards to the Convention, we in Fitchburg Chapter are for it 100%). Russ Aldrich made a motion to send the usual donation to the Community Chest and Heart Fund, this was seconded by Francis X. Dupre.

Jim Callahan was unable to attend the last meeting because of a touch of the Virus; Jim Altieri was working; Gene Parker was tied up with some actresses or something.

The business meeting came to an end after the usual drawing, honors being done by Russ Aldrich, and where were you B. Skorko of Westminster, your name was drawn, and you must be present to collect.

That's all for now, see you in Fitchburg for the May meeting.

W. K., *Secretary*

LYNN

Commander: Leon W. Varnam
174 Western Ave., Lynn, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

The following were elected to office at last months moker meeting.

Commander, Leon Varnum, WW-I and II; Senior Vice Commander, Sheldon Goodwin, WW-II; Junior Vice Commander, Eustis Grimes, WW-I; Treasurer, A. Raymond Doucette, 24th year; Sgt.-at-Arms, George Walton; Chaplain, Walter Smith; Historian, Robert Hurley; Trustee, Trust Fund, Leonard Burnham; Secretary, Edmond Trudell; Executive Committee, Thomas Curran, Charles Scanlon, Edwin Streeter, William Eddows, Claude Hoag and Charles Benway.

Officers will be installed on April 21st at the Oxford Club with National Commander Sullivan as installing officer assisted by National Sgt.-at-Arms Christian Schacht.

Our membership drive has gotten underway and we hope to beat last year's record.

Members on the sick last are as follows: Edgar Barnes, Francis Guindon, William Goodwin, Arthur Paulhus, Frank Harnish, Thomas Brady, Arthur MacMunn, Henry Graham, Frank Connolly, Joseph Sullivan and Eben Brunning.

The Chapter will once again take part in the Memorial Day Parade, led by Saugus High School Band. The Duke is in charge of this activity.

At this month's smoker 2 Korean Veteran's will show the Army's famous picture—"The First Forty Days". —The Duke

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NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Alphonse Fortin
20 Reynolds St., New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary: Dester D. DuBois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.

There will be a special notice for the next meeting and do hope that you will not brush it aside. That night something special will be planned for the meeting and do hope you will read it and do something about it. At the April meeting there were six members that showed up, and nomination of officers were to be made, but with such an attendance what do you expect can be done. So plans are being made for special entertainment at the next meeting, and we hope that you will make an effort to come down. We have some sick comrades, some in hospitals and we would like to do something to cheer these comrades, so come down to this meeting and help KEEP THIS YD ALIVE. Memorial Day plans will be made at this meeting.

Comrade John Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan are enjoying a short vacation in New York City.

Charles Stanley, who went down to Florida after his illness run into more trouble there, after his arrival there Charley was stricken with pneumonia but he is well over the attack.

Received a letter from Francis Darcy who has just been released from Cushing Veterans' Hospital at Framingham. Francis was on the seriously ill list from March 7th to 20th and is home for a two weeks trial. Francis praises the Cushing Hospital and the Doctors, Nurses and Orderlies. They all strive to help you and make you comfortable at all times, everyone very polite and willing. He said, "That Veterans should thank God in their Prayers for having such a Hospital to go to".

Ralph Swift is at home working hard with his new legs, learning to walk.

—Dester D. DuBois

SALEM CHAPTER

Commander: George Bingle
284 Jefferson Ave., Salem, Mass.

Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.

Past Commanders Banquet and Joint Installation of Officers held at the Pequot mills Cafeteria, Saturday, April 7th. About 130 in attendance. Installing officers: State Commander, Mike O'Connor of Northampton assisted by State Sgt.-at-Arms, Ernest Tetrault—for the Ladies' State President, Loretta Huntley and State Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Barrs of Springfield.

At head table State Commander and Mrs. O'Connor; State President of Ladies' and Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Loretta Huntley; Mrs. Barrs, National Vice Commander, Wallace Burnham; National Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Florence Tartleton; Rev. Fr. Leduc; James L. Foley representing Mayor F. X. Collins; Jack Splaine, Veterans' Administration; Wilfrid J. Poitras, Salem City Council; Chairman Nap Leblanc; Commander, Arthur Lebel and Emile Thibault, M. C.

We were deeply grieved to hear about National President of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, Ruth Meteyer being in the hospital. We trust and hope that her recovery will be speedy. The same goes for our National Commander, Jim Sullivan, who could not attend due to sickness.

Officers installed, Commander, George Bingle; Senior Vice Commander, Charles Kosgarian; Junior Vice Commander, John Burbine; Secretary, Ernie Pelletier; Treas., Charles Laforme; Chaplain, Lucien Pelletier; Sgt.-at-Arms, Arthur Lebel; Historian, Gus Madore; Trustees, Walter Coan, Max Perry, Emile Gagnon, Edward Rennick, Emile J. Thibault.

Ladies' Auxiliary, President, Honora Motard; Vice President, Ora Couillard; 2nd Vice President, Anna Morin; Secretary, Louise Thibault; Treasurer, Marie St. Pierre; Sgt.-at-Arms, Jennie Cormier; Chaplain, Marianna Pelletier; Historian, Dianna Pelletier; Trustees, Jacqueline Coan, Eva Boulay, Emma Pelletier; Marianna Theriault, Juliette Thibodeau.

—Donald Duck Thibault

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Harold Cleveland
102 Redland St., Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Hugo Scagliarini
165 Middlesex St., Springfield, Mass.

Perhaps by the time these few paragraphs are being read by all good YDVA people that all traces of spring fever will have been erased and that all chapter members will whole-heartedly take an active part in meetings and activities held by your local chapter.

Although at the present time I do not know who your new officers will be there must be plans made for the installation of these new officers. It is good to know that an Installation Committee made up of both Auxiliary and Chapter members are already hard at work planning all the necessary details that make up our annual Installation. This Committee this year, voted, to hold the installation at our own YD home on Round Hill. The installation will take place on Saturday, June 23rd, so keep that date in mind. There will be more details in the June issue of Yankee Doings.

Chairman Earl Winkley of the Home Show Committee wishes to thank all the members of this committee who worked so diligently to make this show a successful one.

The membership is slowly climbing upwards, and let each one of us make an effort to get new members into the chapter, this, of course, means World War I, YD veterans as well as men from World War II. We should want this local chapter to be strong and the only way to keep the YD spirit alive is through a large active membership.

To Bob Phelps, the chapter extends many thanks for the fine paint job he did in the basement of the club, it really looks great.

Another reminder to you comrades who are well, not to forget our sick comrades in the hospitals, namely, George Lyons, Frank Regnier and Walter Gilligan, let's keep the cards rolling to them and if possible pay them a visit, they will appreciate it very much.

I have notices that the Portsmouth Chapter is really working hard on the Convention so yours truly hopes to find his way to that fair city and enjoy another YD Convention.

So long, until next time.

Hugo Scagliarini,

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Thomas H. Porter, Box 318, Saybrook, Ct.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Immediately following the installation of Matthew L. Perry, Chapter of New London, Conn., Commander Wm. O'Neill, Jr., called the Dept. of Conn. State Meeting to order at 3:10 P. M. A motion was made and carried to suspend all business in order to proceed with the installation of Dept. of Conn. State Officers. Commander O'Neill, Jr., called on Past Dept. Commander M. Patrick Healey who installed the following officers, assisted by Jack Farquhar as Sgt.-at-Arms.

Thomas H. Porter, Commander; Paul Caravatt as Sr. Vice Commander; James Meikle as Jr. Vice Commander; Sam Marcus as Treasurer; Wm. Vallery, Historian; Harold Mitchell, Chaplain; John Carter, Service Officer; Ray McNichols, Americanization Officer; Dwight W. Chapman, Judge Advocate; Ben Bourne as Legislative Officer.

Commander Thomas H. Porter, after his acceptance speech, welcomed the following distinguished guests: Agnes Lundwall and Alice Hewlitt, Gold Star Mothers of New London Chapters; George B. Bishop, Commander V. F. W. No. 181; Samuel Gossett and Wm. A. Donahue, Dept. Vice Commander of Conn.; Martin Joyce and John Coleman Price of the American Legion; Mrs. G. Elliott, J.W.S. 160 Aux.; Philip Maher, Spanish War Vets.

Commander Porter called Past Dept. Commander Wm. O'Neill, Jr., to his station. Bill presented his Sgt.-at-Arms George Carlos and Secretary H. Leroy Woodcock with gifts.

The Dept. of Conn. Y.D.V.A. holds a YD Memorial Service at Trinity Church, Waterbury, Conn., on the second Sunday in June. This year as the National Convention finishes on June 10th, the second Sunday, it was voted to hold the Memorial Service on May 20th. Now comrades, this is one Dept. of Conn. State Meeting that a large delegation from each of the 17 Chapters should attend. We owe it to our comrades who have crossed the Great Divide. You who have not heard Father Anderson at one of these YD Memorial Services, have missed something.

I understand Commander Porter has not received an invitation for the June meeting, so bear in mind that any chapter wishing to extend an invitation, contact Commander Porter, P. O. Box 318, Old Saybrook, Conn., or bring it to the YD Memorial Service, Sunday, May 20th. The Memorial Service will start promptly at 3:00 P. M.

H. Leroy Woodcock,
Secretary

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Eric A. Erickson
263 Hawley Avenue
Bridgeport, Conn.

Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Avenue
Bridgeport, Conn.

At our last meeting under our active C. Erickson things were humming about the dinner that is to be held Seicheprey night, April 20.

Under the chairmanship of Charles Cockerton and Joseph Wynkoop we can expect a time to be remembered for a long time to come. We expect the nearby towns to join us Norwalk, New Haven, Stamford and others. It will be held at Champs Shorehouse where music and dancing and a turkey dinner will be served.

Other things were taken care of also. Some were getting ready to go to the convention with talk of things to come, the meeting closed.

—Samuel B. Zolo.

HARTFORD

Commander: George J. Farnsworth
49 Lawrence St., East Hartford

Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford 6, Conn.

Our chapter will be led this year by George Farnsworth, WW-II. He will be ably assisted by Sr. Vice Commander Sam Tubin and Jr. Vice Commander Carroll Case who has been our fine secretary for many years. Col. Henry Beebe will continue as Treasurer and the new Secretary will be Colonel Arthur Dunham. Guess the boys have the brass doing all the details for a change. With this combination

of workers Hartford chapter will go places again this year. The Installation ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 3, at the D. B. S. hall preceded by a dinner and followed by music and dancing by those who can.

Following a long illness our hard working Sr. Vice Commander Wallace Gladwin died at the Veterans Facility at Newington on April 21. There was a fine turnout for the YD service at the funeral parlors and another at the funeral service at St. James Church, West Hartford. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Our deepest sympathy to his family. We shall miss Wally's advice and counsel.

Our good friend and member Past National Commander Ed Miller who was taken to the VA Facility at Newington on the 14th is slowly improving and we hope he soon will be returning home. Good luck, Ed.

Don't forget to use your YD Keep it Alive stamp. Don't forget to pay your dues; Don't forget to attend the meetings. Hartford Chapter will be successful with your support.

—Spoons.

MERIDEN

"Feegel-Tyler" Chapter

Commander: Dr. David P. Smith
199 West Main St., Meriden, Conn.

Secretary: Earl Carter
100 Madison Ave. Ext., Meriden, Conn.

Our Seicheprey Day Dinner was a decided success. If I had not been there myself, I would not believed it could happen. It was the most dignified Y. D. party ever held and it only proves we are getting older. I feel sure that the ladies in attendance will not hesitate to come again. The proprietor of the 1711 Inn said it was one of the best that he had catered for in years. Dr. David P. Smith was Toastmaster and performed his usual good job. Dennis J. Brunton, a Past National Commander was the principle speaker and he was appreciated. Dennie is a school teacher in Springfield, Mass., and his younger brother, Dan has been Mayor of Springfield for many years. If I had more space and time much could be written of Dennie and it would read like Horatio Alger.

In pinch hitting for Past National Commander, Ed F. Miller, Dennie came through. This affair brought together Royal Lacourciere and Warren (Doc) Andrews who had not seen each other in over thirty years. It was a pleasant re-union for them. Seated at the head table and rightfully so, was our oldest member, Major Frank H. McGar. He helped the evening along with some interesting remarks. Although the oldest I'll bet he walks more miles a day than any ten of us. I am glad to report that Mrs. McGar is well on the road to recovery after a serious illness. The Company I group took honors in attendance and it looks like they still pay attention when Sgt. Eddie Leck talks. The best dressed man honors went to Stan Rokawski, my old Corporal.

Harry Baierlein entertained at the piano like Vincent Lopez and Frankie Carle. Thanks, Harry for everything. At this point I want to apologize to Mrs. D. for not calling on her to take a bow. I heard about it when I arrived home. Officers for 1951-1952 ending June 30th. 1952 were selected. Dr. David P. Smith was chosen as Commander by acclaim and he could not say no. Dave was first Commander of American Legion, Post 45. He is a busy fellow and is going to need help. He will get plenty of it from Bill Lucas' old Co. H 102nd Inf. man who was selected as Senior Vice for the third straight year. Major McGar is the Junior Vice and will get going when his term as Commander of Sons of Veterans is finished.

Arthur Service will be the new Treasurer and I suppose he will be as hard to get money from as was Stanley. The rest of the slate reads Historian, Wm. Vallery; Chaplain, Samuel F. Murdock; Sgt.-at-Arms, Stanley Baranski; Trustees, Edward E. Leck and Howard R. Matteson. Like the Republicans can't get into the White House, no one can get this Secretary job away from me. That's the slate, so help us out by sending in $3.00 for dues now. Get well cards were signed by all present and sent to Ed Miller and our out-going Commander Shea. The last event of the evening was the drawing for the 100-piece International Silver Set. Patrick Gaynor of 148 Sherman Ave., with No. 1062 was the winner. Pat is a former Commander, American Legion, Post 45. Howard Matteson was the salesman of this ticket. Even after the program was finished folks stayed on to talk over old times. Next year we can have a larger and better meeting for now we know what kind of a party is most desired.

When you turn to TAPS this month, you will find the name of Wm. S. Johnson. Bill was a member of our chapter and a good loyal worker. In spite of ill health the last few years he never failed to give a helping hand, especially when it meant helping a fellow member in distress. To me, he was one of the nicest persons that one could ever hope to meet. Our sincere sympathy goes to his survivors. His old comrades in Headquarters Company will be saddened by this news.

Eben Dike, one of our local Past Commanders is in the running as Commander of the local Legion. He wishes for all Y.D. to come to the election and support him. Welcome to the chapter is extended to Paul S. Parsons of West Cheshire. Paul is in charge of the Conn. State Employment office in Meriden. Number one card for the new year will go to Maltby Stevens by reason of being the first to pay dues for the new year. Bill Vallery is back to work after another operation and illness lasting over a month.

If you can spare about thirty minutes on Sunday, May 20th at 3 P. M. you are asked to come to the Memorial Services in Waterbury, Connecticut. It is a thing you will never forget and I am sure if once you attend you will come back again. Ladies are welcome. These services are held in Trinity Episcopal Church across from the side entrance of Hotel Elton. Let's make it a must and mark the calender.

We are sorry, Harry Shea that you could not be with us this year but you have done a good job in spite of being ill all these months.

Earl Carter, *Secretary*

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Edgar Coulumbe
28 Kensington St., New Haven, Conn.

Secretary: Gordon Stevens
63 High St., East Haven, Conn.

The New Haven Chapter is back on it's feet again. The difficulties that kept the Chapter from running smoothly have been adjusted. At the regular business meeting in March the following members were elected to office. Commander, Edgar Coulumbe; Sr. Vice Commander, Frank Lincoln; Jr. Vice Commander, Otto Weiler; Secretary, Gordon Stevens; Treasurer, Dwight Chapman; Historian, Julian Short; Chaplain, Ray Cooper; Sgt.-at-Arms, Al Monamy; Trustees, Ray Hayward, Al Lindgren and Jack Bathgate.

Installation was held at the Tivoli Restaurant in New Haven on April 7th. The Installation was well attended, a good meal was served and excellent entertainment was provided. Past Commander, Al Lindgren acted as the M. C. Among those present were Al Herman, P.N.C., from Norwalk, who was the installing officer. Al brought along some of the "boys" from Norwalk with him. State Commander, Eugene Porter from Saybrook, Barry "Moose" Clark and many others from around the state. Hon. member of the Y.D.V.A. Pol. Commissioner Dave Leach, and Frank Long head of the Veterans' Center in New Haven, who spoke briefly on veterans' affairs, his remarks were of the utmost interest and left a deep impression on those present.

At our meeting of April 12th we had the largest turn out in many a meeting night. Also it is well to mention all officers were present. We welcomed a new member Armond Prue, 101st Eng. WW-I. The treasurer reported that the Chapter is in excellent financial shape, and the Sr. Vice Commander, reported that the membership is coming along good with 54 members paid up for 1951 as of that date.

Plans were discussed for the moving of the Timothy Ahearn Monument to a new site. These plans are at present in the talking stage. They call for a gala reunion for YD men throughout the State, distinguished guests, and parade. Tentative date has been set for July 4th. More on this later.

The 33rd annual Seicheprey Day was observed on April 21st at the YD monument on the New Haven Green. The turn out for this ceremony was very good, certifying that the men of the YD have not forgotten the buddies, and of the growing interest in the Chapter.

WINDHAM COUNTY CHAPTER

Willimantic, Conn.
Commander: Harold Gray
Hebron, Conn.

Secretary: Gardiner Hall
South Willington, Conn.

Though not the largest one of nicest YD Installations was held last night (April 21st) with a strictly all YD gathering. It was just a little reminiscence of some of the big ones we use to have. Harold Gray of Hebron was Installed as Commander and was pre-

sented with a new gavel by Past Commander Henry Pukallus of Norwich on behalf of the Norwich members in our ranks. We look for another good year of Leadership under Commander Gray.

It was nice to see present for the first time in many years John Jearde. Come more often John. Past Commander Moshier presented outgoing Commander Haggerty with a YD Lapel Button and Pat responded with appropriate remarks. Also back after a lapse of a couple years was John Kane and it was sure nice to see him getting back into harness. Smiling Bob Hall is back in harness and after a busy evening for him—how do you do it Bob. Mike Aldi (Rubber Legs) put on a litle dance all his own. Mike at your age how do you do it. You make me feel old. Our Bar Tendeer Lindgren did a mighty fine job all evening. Thanks to you Lindy. We wish too thank the YD Girls for their support and the work they put in. After 16 years of Minor Office as Sgt.-at-Arms I had the real pleasure of Installing "Frenchy" Pimpare (Best Sgt.-at-Arms of all time) as Jr. Vice. Congratulations Uke. The following were Installed into Office by PDC Gardiner Hall—(thanks men for the privilege) it was a real pleasure to do so though I nearly messed up. Officers are:

Commander, Harold Gray; Senior Vice Commander, Bob Hall; Junior Vice Commander, Euclid Pimpare; Secretary, Gardiner Hall; Treasurer, Elliott Moshier, Chaplain, John Kane; Sgt.-at-Arms, Lawrence Lindgren; Historian, Dr. Keating; Trustees Elliott Moshier, Nelson Wraight, Bob Frailey.

Note—Gray, Hall, Pimpare—Take the lead boys and let's go places this coming year. Start your planning now.

—G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander: Eugene LaFlame, P O Box 146, Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: John Chesson, Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Shirley B. Luscombe
237 Jewett St., Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: Karl H. Byam
405 Hanover St., Manchester, N. H.

The Installation Party was held at the Rice-Varick Hotel, Saturday, April 14th and was a grand success from all that could be heard from the side lines. This year's party was different from other year's as it was the combined installation of the Chapter and Auxiliary.

I will let the ladies write on the Auxiliary news and I will try to write the Chapter news.

"Cowboy" Jim Sullivan, National Commander assisted by the National Sgt.-of-Arms, Chris Schacht, installed the Chapter Officers. Let me give Jim a big vote of thanks from the Chapter as I understand this is the first meeting he has attended since he was floored by Mr. X — not the masked marvel either.

Commander Sullivan installed the following officers.

Shirley Luscombe, Commander; Charles Weaver, Sr. Vice Commander; Harold Fallon, Jr. Vice Commander; Karl Byam, Secretary; John Blidberg, Treasurer; Walter Moulton, Historian; Charles Bailey, Chaplain; Edgar Riggs, Sgt.-of-Arms; Lester Horton, Trustee, 3 yrs.; Archie Vignault, Trustee 2 yrs.; Eugene Dugas, Trustee, 1 year.

An honorary membership card and certificate of Meritorious Service was presented to Edward T. McShane who has contributed much help to the Y. D. Chapter over the years.

We missed Mayor Benoit's usual good message but this is the first time he has disappointed us by not attending—News flash, Mayor Benoit was found to be sick with a cold.

John Dunlap, P.N.C. was in rare form as the Master of Ceremonies.

We had many brass hats from other Chapters.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Tarleton, Haverhill Chapter; Earl Buckam, Haverhill Chapter; Harold Newt and wife; Major Bird, Mr. Gillium from the Worcester Chapter—all good 104th men.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, Anderson and Del Isola from the Convention Corp. attended.

The music was furnished by Mrs. Cousin's, Mr. Wenzel and Scudder.

Fay Gelinas, three time winner on Ted Mack's Show, furnished the party with laughs and songs.

Karl H. Byam, *Secretary*

PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER
General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter
Commander: Clarence L. Anderson
139 Concord Way, Portsmouth, N. H.
Secretary: Ormond York
211 Circuit Road, Portsmouth, N. H.

Fortified by a delightful banquet beforehand, the Major General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association installed its new officers Friday evening April 6th at the Community Center, Portsmouth. Auxiliary officers were installed by National Auxiliary President Ruth Meteyer of Haverhill; while Chapter officers were installed by retiring Commander Don P. Hillman assisted by Perry Tarleton of Haverhill, Mass. Dept Sgt.-at-Arms.

Officers installed were: Clarence L. Anderson, commander; Clyde Green, Senior Vice Commander; John Bechard, Junior Vice Commander, Edward Bennett, Chaplain, Walter Gadd, Sgt.-at-Arms, Leon F. Denis, Historian, Ormond York, Secretary, Harold W. Henderson, Treasurer, and Don P. Hillman, Trustee for 3 years.

Guests were present from various Veteran groups, including John Bechard local Commander of the DAV chapter; John T. Ross, Sous Grand Chef de Gare of the 40-8 National body; Mass. Dept. Commander YDVA Harold Meteyer of Haverhill; Arlo Pierce Commander of Post 168 VFW; Forrest Morrison, commander of Post No. 6 American Legion; N. H. Dept. Commander DAV Edward Bennett and Past N. H. Dept. Commander Michael Dell Isola YD VA—who is also Convention Corpn. President.

The 1951 Convention Corporation meets Sunday, April 8th at the home of John T. Ross in Portsmouth.

The New Hampshire State Department YDVA will meet in Manchester on Sunday April 22nd for the annual election and installation of officers.

The Shoreliner, an outstanding Portsmouth monthly magazine will feature the Yankee Division and its 32d National Convention in its June issue; which will coincide with the Convention dates June 7-10.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Department Commander: Francis Dunn, 59 Appleton St., Providence, R. I.
Department Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER
Commander: Fred J. Grandchamp
61 Leading St., Johnston, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Providence Chapter meets the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August, in the Harrison St., Armory. Visitors always welcome.

Well, here it is spring again. The birds and the bees, the animals and yes, even the human element are beginning to take on a new lease in life to enjoy the pleasant months ahead. So is Providence Chapter, YDVA. We are actively campaigning to build up the Chapter membership and get back into the swing of things. We should have better than five hundred members every year, but instead, we wind up with a mere two or three hundred. Why? Because we have nothing to offer. Nor have we made much of an effort to offer anything. The same old cut and dried meetings, no constructive programs to help keep the membership active and interested, in fact just nothing, period. It's time we got the ball rolling and got behind some worthwhile project and there are a number that we could undertake. Perhaps having an interesting project wouldn't work out any better than it does now without one, but at least prospective members couldn't say—"What have you to offer?" "What worthwhile activities do you have to keep us interested?" So much for that.

The April meeting, Commander Kittredge's last, was fairly well attended. We held an informal meeting in the recreation room at the Armory. After the usual reports by the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders; the Chaplain and the Secretary, we got down to the discussion of the Installation of our Officers. By now you have all received your flyer announcing the plans for a gala YD night and an Installation of Officers of all four Rhode Island Chapters. The place — Johnson's Hummocks, Allens Ave., Providence, R. I. The date and time—Saturday evening, May 5th at 7:30 P. M. The installation ceremonies are to be preceded by a good steak dinner with all the fixings. The cost—$2.50 per head. As usual the ladies are invited to attend. There will be a good orchestra on hand to play during the evening meal and to provide music for dancing after the meeting.

Apremont Chapter, YDVA., is the host chapter for this affair. Everyone present at the meeting thought it a grand idea to have such a party and if successful this year, it could be the beginning of a gala YD night every year. Providence Chapter voted to contribute $25.00 to help defray the expenses of this grand party.

The Chapter also went a step further and unanimously voted to pay for the dinner ($2.50) of every member of Providence Chapter who attended. Ladies and guests to be taken care of by the individual member bringing them. This should draw the boys out. Something for free!!—yeah boy!

The Memorial tablet on the General Edwards viaduct in Providence has been cleaned, repaired and placed in a more advantageous spot for all to see. A letter is to be sent to the city fathers thanking them for putting this heretofore unsightly condition back into good shape.

Our May meeting, since it comes just prior to the date of the Installation is to be postponed and will be held at the call of the Commander. Our new Commander is Fred J. Grandchamp and this will be his first meeting in the saddle. Hope we can get a good turn out to start him off on the right foot. It's very discouraging to stand before a measely fifteen or twenty members at a meeting and try to put over your program. Let's get on the ball, get behind our Commander and give him a lift.

Dues are coming in slow but sure. We are close to 50% of our last years' total, and believe it or not, several members who haven't been paid up for a year or more have re-upped. How about you old stand bys? Get yours in too. Send your $4.00 to the Secretary, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I. NOW. "You be the one in '51 to come back into the fold."

We are continuing our regular drawing of the Kitty for $5.00 each meeting. Someone goes away $5.00 richer after every meeting. You must be present to take part.

PNC. Larry Cook did his usual masterful job in the presentation of 14k Gold and blue enamel YD Past Commander's lapel buttons to P. C.'s Pohn S. Mitchell and Guy M. Kittredge. Each officer responded with fitting remarks and thanked the Chapter for the buttons and for the honor of serving them during their term of office. Incidentally a good, well deserved plug should be handed our good friend and comrade Fred Brown of the New York Chapter for making available to the YD such an excellent and outstanding assortment of YD Pins, Buttons and Rings. They can't be beaten. You should send a descriptive circular with cuts and prices to all Chapters Fred. Hope you do well.

Congratulations were in order and were extended to Comrade Joseph V. Geary WW-II, upon the birth of a son in his family. Missus and the baby are doing fine. Good luck folks.

Howard W. Hunt
Secretary-Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Charles H. Frazier, 3533 No. 11th St., Philadelphia, Penn.

NEW YORK

"Knickerbocker Chapter"
Commander: John O. Copley
33 Lafayette St., New Rochelle, N. Y.

Secretary: Edmund C. Polakowski
30 East 42nd St., Room 1701, New York 17, N. Y.

It is nigh time the other chapters knew who the New York (Knickerbocker) Chapter's officers are for 1951-1952. So here they are:

Commander, John Copley; 1st Vice Commander, Rolf Nerder; 2nd Vice Commander, John J. Sullivan; Secretary, Edmund C. Polakowski; Treasurer; Mike Justynowicz, Sergeant-at-Arms, George Lowy; Historian ————————————; Recording Secretary, George Swerlick; Chaplain, Rev. E. Bosch; Trustees, Robert B. Dickson, Roy Jackson, Larry Triff, Joe Conway, William Phelps.

Now that you have met them, may I say they are a nice bunch of fellows, and always willing to oblige.

For the benefit of any new visitors to New York, we meet every second Thursday of the month in the Mural Room of the (165th) 69th Regiment Armory, Lexington Ave. and 26th Street, New York, N. Y. Visitors are always more than welcome. Our meetings begin at 8:15 P. M. but from 6:30 P. M. to meeting time you may join us in our Supper Club.

Next year's installation dinner should be better than ever as we already have a committee working on it.

Paul Nathanson is back in the fold again. Roy

Jackson is still recuperating but coming along well.

That is all for now. Will have more to say next time.

John Copley, *Commander*
Ed Polakowski, *Secretary*

PHILADELPHIA

"Quaker City Chapter"
Commander: William C. Drollinger, Jr.
9819 Woodfern Rd., Bustleton, Pa.
Secretary: Arthur C. Raver
5321 No. Howard St., Philadelphia 20, Pa.

Our annual installation banquet was held on Saturday evening, April 7, at the Spring Hill Country Club, Maple Shade, N. J. It was fairly well attended with approximately 43 members and guests present.

Since National Commander Sullivan was unable to attend, we were honored to have Commander John O. Copley of the New York Chapter and Jack Farquhar, also of New York take charge of the installation ceremonies. Needless to say, they carried it off very smoothly, installing both our Chapter officers and the Ladies Auxiliary officers.

The steak dinner left nothing to be desired. Bill Drollinger was so excited when he saw the size of his steak that he dashed out to get his flash camera for a picture. If you don't believe the steaks were tremendous, see Bill — he's got the proof. Since it was Bill's birthday, we surprised him with a very nice birthday cake.

During the meal we were entertained with some fine accordion music and occasional bursts of Irish ballads courtesy of "Boston" Kelley. Our after dinner entertainment was supplied by a comedian hired for the evening, who got off some pretty good jokes. Our comrades ended the evening on a friendly note with group singing around the piano while others danced. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

We were pleased to meet Ward Hinds who served with the 26th Division MPs. He said he will be around to our May meeting and will join up then.

For those of you who haven't been notified, your 1952 dues are due. This year the dues will be $3.50, due to a change in the Fiscal Year from April 1 to July 1. In other words, you will be paying your dues from April 1, 1951 through June 30, 1952. Please make your checks or money orders payable to PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS' ASSN. Pay up promptly so as not to miss any issues of Yankee Doings.

The regular May meeting will be held on Friday, May 4, 1951 at Chick's "Dugout" 3533 No. 11th St. at 8:30 P. M. Let's plan to make 1951 a big successful year for the Chapter. It can be done with all fellows supporting our new officers—giving them your utmost in cooperation.

—Art Raver.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Carl T. Newcomb, Jr.
2148 O-St. N.W., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Carl C. Redinger
7315 15th Ave., Takoma Pk., Md.

One of the best crowds of the past few years turned out for the March meeting. The combined meeting—following the VFW meeting is proving a boom to attendance. Of course the main point of interest was the election of officers for the coming year. The boys who are going to carry the Club to new heights this year are:

Commander, Carl T. Newcomb, Jr., WW-II; Senior Vice Commander, Woodrow Davis, WW-II; Junior Vice Commander, Koren Kasparian, WW-I; Treasurer, Gregory Smirinoff, WW-II; Secretary, Carl C. Redinger, WW-II; Chaplain, John Caswell,

WW-I; Historian, Raymond Queenin, WW-I; Trustee, 3 years, John Smith, WW-II.

Carl is a real go-getter with lots of ideas, so things should be bang-up this year.

Plans were started for a dinner-bingo party on May 28th. The Club is sponsoring along with the VFW Post, a dinner party for everyone in the YD and all of their friends. The exact time and price have not been set but it is going to be very inexpensive. Robby is making arrangements to have a high grade bingo game for everyone after dinner—who knows you might be one of the lucky winners. We hope of course that the Club will be the big winner—and it will if we all give the party our support.

After the business of the meeting was concluded, Ray Queenin and Nate Golden gave a showing of some of their color slides. Nate had some swell shots taken in Arlington on several Memorial Days and everyone got a big kick out of seeing themselves in color. Ray had some wonderful shots taken on his trips around the world with the State Department. Some of us recognized some of the scenes he had of Salzburg in Austria. Many thanks to Ray and Nate. Be seeing you all at the dinner.

—Carl Redinger

DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Commander: Phillip F. Johnson, 2130 Alger Road, Lakewood, Ohio

CHICAGO

Commander: John F. McNulty
840 No. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park, Illinois
Secretary: John L. Donovan
64 West Randolph Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Meeting held Tuesday, April 3rd, at Hotel Sherman was attended by the same old stalwarts, with a few missing. John F. McNulty, WW-I, was elected Commander for the coming year. Martin Brennan, WW-II, was elected Senior Vice Commander. Meeting went on record to retain dues at $4.00 per year, even though Boston gets $2.50 out of it. Action to spur our Mid-West Commander into action was delegated to the Secretary. Meeting adjourned to allow our newly elected Commander time to grab a car for his weekly poker game. McNulty was with the 102nd F. A. and hails from Worcester. Where have I heard that name before? Let's get behind him for a banner year. Lilacs to those in attendance. Incidentally, McNulty says he is younger than Jack Benny.

Here it is April 12th, Yankee Doings is out, and this news is being sent ahead of time. Got quite a kick out of Sullivan's, I mean Commander Sullivan's, message. Writing of his attendance at Providence, "This was known as Past Commanders' Night, and a goodly crowd was there, that well nigh filled, etc." Wonder if he knows the "Face on the Barroom Floor."

The writer will soon be taking to the rocking chair alongside Bailey, Morrissey, etc., if the leg doesn't heal. Strained a ligament in the hoof, and am now pretty well taped up. Sorry to hear of the passing of Joe Valley, Joe Kanusky and the Lynn Barrage. May they rest in peace. Who took a bite out of Earl Holbrook? Move over, Earl, I can nominate a few others to join you. By the way, on whose authority does the National Nominating Committee select a candidate for the National Executive Committee, and why does Okie O'Connor name a Cleveland man for the second straight year. What about Detroit? Chicago doesn't want the job as we haven't the dough or the time to do it. The last time I saw Okie he moved back to Boston, and, if my memory serves me right, he and his brother opened up an automobile salon (not joint) in or around Boston. All departments should have the sayso as to who is to be on what committee, not the National Nominating Committee. Furthermore, our National Executive Committee is not a duly authorized body. Who says so? Our by-laws.

Sorry I cannot be at Worcester on April 27th and April 28th, to take in the 104th Reunion. Perhaps the time is not far off when I can do so, but raising seven children keeps my nose to the grindstone, and those reunions come at the wrong time. As for the National Convention in June, I'm not talking, but keeping my fingers crossed. This is a little too early in June for me, but we must not interfere with summer vacationists later in the month.

Suggestions are requested as how to instill a little vinegar and pep into our members so that they will attend meetings. Don't write and say to get rid of Jack Donovan, as the little Captain did to the General,

but, do you know, it might be a good idea at that.

Membership due cards have been mailed out, and, so far, Charles H. Mullen is Johnny on the spot. Always No. 2 man when it comes to paying dues. The funny part of it is, I have never seen the guy, and someday hope to make his acquaintance. He is a WW-I man. Charlie Bailey's (retired) boss in the 103rd, Harry Mitchell, lost out as No. 1 dues payer this year to Ray Fick, another 103rd man. What happened to the other outfits? Where shall we send the State membership cards when dues are paid?

— J. H. Donovan

OHIO

Commander: Fred E. Bastel
1737 Coit Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio

Secretary: Ben Zuchowski
3881 East 54th St., Cleveland, Ohio

Another Ohio Chapter Installation Dinner and Party has been enjoyed by the members and the Auxiliary which was held in the VFW Hall, Post 1863. The total attendance was 110. Shrimp with other appetizers were offered before the dinner which consisted of turkey and all the delicious dishes usually accompanying it. Grace was offered by the Chaplain E. T. Gonsalves.

The installation procedure was admirably conducted by Past Commander Ralph Shaw. He called upon the Marshal of the evening, Perley Wells (P. C.) and Mrs. F. V. Baldo, who brought in the newly elected officers of both organizations. They were sworn in by pairs of corresponding offices.

Immediately after this ceremony Erich Reich, the M. C. introduced those at the speaker's table and asked each one to say a few words. They were the out-going Auxiliary President, Mrs. Stephen Gohring; the in-coming one, Mrs. Bessie Sinclair; Mrs. Mayme Buehner, National 1st Vice President and Department Commander; Phil Johnson of the Mid-Western Dept., Judge Lewis Drucker, Commander Fred Bastel and Judge Arthur H. Day.

Before adjourning the assembly, Erich Reich thanked the officers of both the Chapter and Auxiliary that served with him for their hearty cooperation during his administration. Then he called upon Francis Baldo to take a bow and thanked him and his installation committee for the fine work they did in making possible for every one to have a good time. Mrs. Reich played the piano for the marches. Jim Kilbane looked after the refreshments. Erich also thanked those who served the dinner, and to the Commander of the VFW Post for seeing that everything was going smoothly for the enjoyment of the party.

We were happy to see two of our comrades Henry Buehner and James Cappe at the party. Henry still has to take it easy and Jim cannot work yet because of a broken arm. But they seem to be well on the way to recovery. Erich Reich now that he is P. C. is going to Hot Springs for a much needed vacation.

—Ben Z.

DETROIT

Commander: John Matthews, Jr.
3031 Hillger St., Detroit 14, Mich.

Secretary: Palmer Werner
7638 12th, Detroit 6, Mich.

April 6, we met again at my Studios and had the election of officers for 1951. The results: Commander, John Matthews, Jr., 3031 Hillger, Detroit 14; Sr. Vice Commander, Carl Teeter, 5740 Dickerson, Detroit 13; Vice Commander and Treasurer, Peter Sady, 15414 Lindsay, Detroit 27; Sgt.-at-Arms, Les Horvath, 3516 So. Annabelle, Detroit 25; Chaplain, John Klein, 870 Lincoln Road, Grosse Pointe 30; Secretary, Palmer Werner, 7636-38 12th, Detroit 6.

The guys were backed in a corner and twelve came up with dues for 1951. Then their was the usual cards and refreshments. Flowers and a card signed by all present was sent to Comrade Klein who is ill.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the loss of our good comrade Sam Salamanga who died March 21. The YD held services at his home and sent flowers. He was only 29.

Comrade Faulkner who is now stationed at Fort Custer is a new pappy—a boy.

Yours in the Y. D.

Palmer Werner,
Secretary

REGISTER NOW
For The Convention

DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

Commander: George K. Mitchell, 9645 E. Craiglee St., Temple City, Cal.

DENVER

Rocky Mountain Chapter
Commander: Ben Harmon
1528 Steele St., Denver, Colorado
Secretary: Arthur C. Vetter
1559 Logan St., Denver 3, Colorado

Only five of us were present at our April meeting. The weather was bad which may have accounted for the small attendance. Those present were: Hull, Ellis, Chapin, Vetter and Story. Story as last present about 10 years ago. He joined. Ray Norton not present for the meeting, left his dues and four bits for the kitty. Ray Loeb sent in his dues and a buck for the kitty. Carl Johnson wrote from Phoenix that he had sent in his dues to National Headquarters. Johancen who was the first to pay his dues for the year was absent, missed too. Bob McLaughlin, who is a patient at the Vet's Center at Whipple, Arizona has been sent his membership card as a Christmas gift from the local chapter.

At the present time ten of the fellows have paid up. A good start for the new year. One of these is Earl Creamer of Walden, Colorado — now Earl how about coming up for a meeting sometime. Ericson was home on the sick list. Chandler was out of town on Forest Service business. "Homer G." Preston still on duty at St. Paul, Minnesota remembered us with a card. "Temp" Buell has been down in Old Mexico. Some of the members whom we have not seen for a long time.Tursick, Schwartzer, Goedelmann, Taylor. Ben Harmon too, we have not seen for several months. Vetter called on Leavitt, who is a patient at Ft. Logan, on Easter Sunday. I am sure that he would appreciate a call from some of the other members. He is a patient on Ward 12.

NATIONAL YD AUXILIARY

National President: Ruth Meteyer, 36 Old Groveland Rd., Bradford, Mass.
National Secretary: Irene Melville, 332 Bunkerhill St., Charlestown, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
YDVA AUXILIARY
President: Mrs. Loretta Huntley
980 State St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Mrs. Marion A. Hogan
170 Plumtree Rd., Springfield 8, Mass.

STATE MEETING

The State Department meeting was held in Springfield on April 1st at the YD Chapter House on Round Hill.

After a short business meeting the following officers were installed for the coming year.

Loretta Huntley, President (Springfield); Catherine Reimer, Sr. Vice (Boston); Margaret Blanchard, Jr. Vice (Lynn); Florence Tarleton, Treasurer (Haverhill); Marion A. Hogan, Secretary (Springfield); Frances O'Neill, Historian (Boston); Lillian Broz, Sgt.-at-Arms (Springfield); Helen Rea (Boston), Nonie Nugent (Boston); Carrie Rowell (Haverhill); Catherine Hamilton (Haverhill); Signe Nute (Worcester) Trustees; and Helen Rea, Service Officer.

Refreshments were served by the Springfield Auxiliary. Honorary Chairman, Avis Beach; Chairman, Anne Valentine assisted by Florence Patch, Margaret Heber, Katherine Crokan, Madelyn Hackett and Laura Hurad. About 75 attended.

Marion A. Hogan,
Secretary

YDVA AUXILIARY OF SPRINGFIELD
President: Mrs. Mary Dee
Secretary: Mrs. Loretta Huntley

On April 1st, we had the pleasure of entertaining the State Department here in Springfield. At this time, our own Loretta Huntley was installed as State Department President of the YDVA Auxiliary. Loretta has been a member of YD since its inception here in Springfield and we know that she will do an outstanding job heading up the organization here in Massachusetts. Congratulations Loretta!!

On Monday night at our regular meeting, we held our annual nomination and election of officers for the Springfield Group. The following people were elected:

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With such an excellent slate of officers, we feel sure that our Auxiliary will have a good year.

We are planning to hold a big card party on April 25th, at the Club House on Round Hill. This is to be in the form of a barn-yard whist and we are looking forward to an enjoyable evening. Mrs. Ann Valentine is heading up this committee. Wish you could all come.

Members of the Springfield Auxiliary were very much in evidence at the Home Show that was held here in Springfield and sponsored by the YDVA of Springfield.

Florence H. Patch, *Secretary*

YDVA AUXILIARY OF MANCHESTER

President: Mrs. Betty Fallon
578 Spruce St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Mrs. Clementine Dugas
24 Brown Ave., Manchester, N. H.

The regular meeting of the Manchester Chapter Auxiliary was held on Wednesday, March 14. The Nominating Committee brought in a new slate of officers for the coming year. Pres. Betty Fallon, SVP, Edna Blidberg, JVP, Clara Vigneault, Sec., Clementine Dugas, Treas., Emma Drury, Chaplain, Eva Brown, Sgt-at-Arms, Malina Byron, Trustees, Idella Horton and Emma Drury.

Mrs. Elloween Anderson of the Portsmouth Chapter was a guest. She spoke on the Convention to be held at Portsmouth. A joint installation was held at the Rice Verick Hotel. Never saw so many of our members turn out. Why not do that at meetings?

The Installation was conducted by National Sgt.-at-Arms Schacht, Mrs. Florence Tarleton and Mrs. Katherine Burnham.

Mrs. Betty Fallon was installed as President. She was presented with beautiful gifts by the Auxiliary and friends, in return she presented her officers of last year with pen and pencil sets.

—Clementine Dugas.

YDVA AUXILIARY OF PORTSMOUTH

Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards Chapter
President: Mrs. Mabel Ross
134 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Secretary: Thelma I. Shepard
37 Concord Way, Portsmouth, N. H.

I know this will be the toughest article to write since I have been the secretary. We had a banquet this date and a very good feed by "Patsy, the Caterer" was enjoyed. Chances were sold on a lovely table lamp (handmade and donated by three comrades) and this was won by a guest, Mrs. Morrison.

After the tables were cleared away we started our joint installation with our National President, Ruth Meteyer and Florence Tarleton as installing officers. I wish that I could omit what happened that night to Ruth, but can't. We all were so helpless and I have never seen such a showing of will power as Ruth had that night. She stayed at the alter until she was helped away. If the YD boys showed that sort of spunk it is not surprising they are so well thought of. At this writing Ruth has improved and if prayers help she will get well and soon be able to go home.

April 14, five of us attended a banquet and installation of the Manchester YD and we had a wonderful time. Ellowean Anderson our Dept. President and yours truly were given each a corsage of roses (Thanks Betty) and all I can say is when Manchester puts on a good time they sure do it up brown. We go back to Manchester, Sunday the 22nd, for our installation of the new Dept. Auxiliary of N. H. Isn't that something.

Thelma I. Shepard, *Secretary*

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YDVA AUXILIARY OF OHIO

President: Bessie Sinclair
6303 Snow Road, Parma, Ohio
Secretary: Doris Smart
3573 East 135th St., Cleveland, Ohio

April 7, was our Installation of Officers. We had a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. All the ladies received beautiful corsages, (yellow carnations with blue iris).

Judges Day and Drucher delivered interesting speeches. Erich Reich, was Master of Ceremonies and Ralph Shaw the Installing Officer. Johanna Baldo and Perley Wells were Sgt.-at-Arms for the installation.

Approximately 100 dinners were served and a 3-piece band played for dancing. Drinks and a friendly good time for all completed the evening.

President—Bessie Sinclair
1st Vice Commander—Rose McCarthy
2nd Vice Commander—Peggy Bednar
Chaplain—Mildred Riehl
Treasurer—Gretta Wells
Secretary—Doris Smart
Historian—Doris Boutwell
Trustee—Mayme Buehner
Sergeant-of-Arms—Helen Kaszian.

Good luck and congratulations to the entire Executive Board.

Thanks and congratulations to Anna Gohring for a "Job Well Done." She has worked hard and been grand to work for. Bessie Sinclair is also profferred our praise for the excellent dinners she has planned and prepared this year. (Hope you won't find the Presidency a harder task.)

By the time this reaches you the 104th Reunion will be over and we will be looking forward to the next one. Outside of Larry Wagner I would like to know if there is anyone else who has attended all the Reunions. I know I missed the one in 1924 as I was in Chicago that year.

The contributions for the 104th Memorial Entrance to the new Veterans' Hospital are coming in very slowly, TOO SLOWLY for the good of the drive. We will need at least a thousand dollars for the furniture and unless you fellows kick in soon we will have to abandon the project. At the Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital a collection was taken up from YD patients and a good sum was given. When checking found that the majority of it was given by 101st Inf. men. Bill Goodwin, MG Co., has been doing the collecting. If the 101st can give, what about the 104th men.

Had a 64 dollar question given to me recently. One night a fellow walked in to the Boston Club office and said Hello, Guy. I recognized the face, but with all my thinking (some will say with what) could not tell him his name. He had to tell me. It was William Barnett Commanding Officer of A Co., who I have seen no more that twice in over thirty years. He had that same old smile, just a little bald and grey, like all of us. Well we enjoyed the evening at the Club and he also showed up the next night at the Old Timers Party. It was sure good to talk over old times with him and hope he shows up often. He was in Boston on business for a couple of days. He is a member of the New York Chapter.

YD POST No. 290, A.L.

We regret to announce that Comrade Thomas F. Conley, passed away on April 5th. We had 30 members at our last meeting which was also Past Commanders' Night. P. C.'s present were Bill Riley, Fred Jackson, Les Perry and Arthur Mitz. Commander Ed Malone presided at the meeting.

Charlie McLeod did a neat job dressing up the

food bar, for a centerpiece there was a beautiful 16 inch cake decorated with blue and gold frosting with a legion emblem in the center and inscribed "Best wishes to our Past Commander" Y. D. Post No. 290 A. L., each side of the cake was banked with chopped Virginia ham sandwiches, sweet mixed pickles and coffee. Mark King back from Florida and is now in the Adams Hospital, Jack Currier is also there, Peter Sullivan is at the Cushing Hospital.

Dave Brickley has been discharged from the hospital and the grapevine tells us that he is a candidate for the nine man Council in Boston. Forgive me for taking you back a quarter-century or more, it is a pleasure now and then to turn the spotlight in the direction of the still surviving stalwarts of the long ago. Dave was a member and also President of the Boston City Council during the early twenties. Special election for Senior Vice Commander at the next meeting, Thursday evening May 10th, at the time of going to press we know of three candidates.

H CO. 101st INFANTRY VET. ASSO.

Tony Drago reports that close to fifty members have paid their dues. Mike Letorney's son in the army under the command of our comrade Lt. Col. Matt Sheehan at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. It is a pleasure to report that Jim Barry of B Co. is back on his old job with Veterans' Services, City of Boston. Walter Power formerly of the V. A. now employed with O. P. S. Walter Crawford with the Mystic Bridge Authority. The boys of Lynn Chapter have nicknamed our comrade Bill Eddows "Dynamite Bill" he was in charge of their tag day which was a great success. Joe Selvitella is Commander of East Boston Council of Veterans' Organizations. Ran into George Pitts on School St. recently and he looks the picture of health. H-er Comp. should be well represented at the Y. D. Convention in Portsmouth.

Sam Marcus and Harold Murray coming on from Conn. Jack Sullivan and Dick White from N. Y. Mal Harrison from Washington. Ziggie Sears, Tony Drago, Ed Reardon, Frank DeAngelis, George Pitts, Walter (Tyrone) Power, Jim Powers, Jim Feeley and Walter Currant are planning on going. The Padre Monsignor Boucher still under the doctor's care, don't forget send a card on the date of his Jubilee—June 3, 1951.

—Ed Reardon.

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HENRY R. BRANDES, formerly of Battery 'B', 102nd F. A. (WW-I) died in February, 1951 at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Mass. He was buried in Webster, Mass., and pall bearers were all members of WW-I.

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FRANK CONNOLLY, formerly of Co 'B', 101 Inf. (WW-I) died at the West Roxbury Veterans' Hospital on April 16th. He was a retired Police Officer of the Boston Police Dept.

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WILLIAM H. LEAHEY, formerly of Co 'G', 101st Infantry, (WW-I) died after a short illness at Worcester, Mass., April 22, 1951. He was the Commander of the Worcester Chapter YDVA and was installed led by proxy on April 1st, while in the Hospital. Members of the Worcester Chapter and Co. G (the Emmett Guards took part in the Military and Church services.

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, formerly of Hdqrs. Co. 102 Inf. (WW-I) died March 26, 1951 at Meriden, Conn. Member of the Meriden Chapter YDVA. Pall bearers were members of the Chapter and fellow employees.

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RUFUS E. NORTHRUP, formerly of Co 'F', 101st Eng. (WW-I) died Nov. 3, 1950 at Danbury, Conn. He had been a member of the YDVA since 1926 and made his home in Arizona. Further details not available.

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CHRISTOPHER D. FEENEY, formerly of Co 'A', 101st Eng. (WW-I) died recently. No other details available.

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Sympathy is extended to William R. Goodwin, formerly with 3rd Bn. 101st Inf. (WW-II) on the loss of his wife recently.

RICHARD C. SHEA, formerly of Co 'I', 101st Inf. (WW-I) died at the Soldiers' Home Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., May 9, 1950. His home was in Revere, Mass.

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ROBERT L. BARRY, formerly with Hqs. Co. 101 Inf. (WW-I) died during April, 1951 at Quincy, Mass.

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WILLIAM H. CLAMPITT, formerly of Company 'K', 104th Inf. WW-II, was killed in action last September in Korea. This information came from his mother after a bill for dues was sent to him this year.

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WALLACE H. GLADWIN, SVC of the Hartford Chapter YDVA and formerly of Hqrs. Co. 101st Machine Gun Bn., died at the Newington Hospital April 22, 1951. No further details available at this time.

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ERNEST L. BUCKLEY, formerly of Co 'B', 101st Supply Train died in Cranston, R. I., April 17, 1951. He was a member of the Providence Chapter. Military services conducted by the YD Post of Providence A. L. and the YDVA. Bearers were Edwin N. Story, Everett Holland, Frank McCaffery and Harold Downey, all members of the YD Post 26 A. L. and the Providence Chapter YDVA. A firing squad was furnished from the R. I. National Guard. Comrade Buckley had been employed by the Narragansett Electric Co. for over 25 years. He is survived by his widow and one son.

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Reminder to World War II Vets

If you have had no schooling under the G.I. act, or have more coming to you and are not enrolled, you must get under the gun, and actually be attending classes on July 25, 1951.

I Am An American Day May

It is the day when all citizens, old and new, renew their faith in the principles which have made our nation great. This flag under which we have been privileged to live is the emblem of a form of government which has brought us peace and happiness greater than any other country. As Veterans we draw a line across the black, ugly word disloyalty. We find it difficult to visualize a disloyal American. Make no mistake, we of the Y.D.V.A. believe firmly in the positive attitude of loyalty—it is a worthy trait, and a satisfying emotional experience.

Mother's Day

We salute you. You brought God into our home and taught us to live in his shadow, to love right, to seek truth, to try to be just, to walk through this world humbly and faithfully, God Bless You!

A three-cent stamp is the biggest buy in comrade ship there is. Send your sick comrades a letter.

Letter From Lake Worth, Florida

Dear Guy:

Please find check enclosed to cover Annual Dues to July 1, 1952.

It is always a pleasure to pay these very modest Dues for Membership in the best Association in the U. S. A. My only regret is that I do not live near enough to Boston to enjoy a closer relationship with the BOYS of the old Y. D.

I very often wonder why the boys of the 102 M.G. Bn. are not more active in the affairs of the Club? I know they are not all dead, because I enjoy a visit with quite a few of them during the Winter months as they pass this way soaking up our glorious sunshine etc.

With the writers kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,
John "Scotty" McKinnon

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